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STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR NEXT-GENERATION COUNCIL

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Public school students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply for membership on the Next-Generation Student Council, an advisory group that provides input and feedback to the Kentucky education commissioner. The council also is designed to engage student leaders in learning by doing.

The Next-Generation Student Council is a year-long program. The group will meet with the commissioner and Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff, both in person and virtually a total of four times a school year, to discuss how decisions made at the state level are affecting students throughout Kentucky. Members will provide feedback – from a student perspective – on critical issues impacting Kentucky students and schools.

The council seeks students with refreshing ideas and thoughtful insight into how schools and student achievement can be improved. Students who represent the diverse academic, geographic, demographic and school-size variables particular to Kentucky are encouraged to apply. The application and a list of Frequently Asked Questions are available on the KDE [website](#).

Interested students should complete and return the application to KDE via postal mail. Applications must be received by or postmarked no later than 4:30 p.m. ET, Wednesday, September 30.

A committee of KDE representatives will review and score all applications based on the answers provided. Appointments to the council will be determined by how well the applicants communicated their ideas and goals. Five students will be selected to serve on the council during the 2015-16 school year. Students selected for the council have the option to serve consecutive one-year terms upon meeting eligibility requirements. The students selected this year will join six returning members on the Next-Generation Student Council.

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